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The Federal Communications Commission

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In re:

The Application of Rick Mills And Don Ashford For Amendment of Section 72.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Winthrop, Washington)

#### PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Petitioners Rick Mills and Don Ashford petition the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Section 1.401, Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, to approve-captioned application.

In support of this petition, petitioners state:

I.

Petitioners believe the public interest would be served by the Commission's allotment of Channel 248A to Winthrop, Washington, as that community's FM broadcast station. Winthrop is an incorporated city with its own elected government and with the normal services provided by a city. Its economy is based on tourism and recreation and it serves as the hub of the larger area known as the Methow Valley.

The petitioners intention is to provide the service of radio broadcast entertainment through music and special programs, and provide information in the form of local and national news, weather and public service announcement. This endeavor is widely supported by local businesses who wish to advertise their products and services, and by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Furthermore, the petitioners believe they can serve a developing need for FM broadcast service to their nearest unincorporated community and its future destination resort. This resort is currently in operation and at built out by the year 2004 is expected to add 690 dwelling units, lodging, retail, conference centers, as well as a variety of recreational uses to the Mazama, Washington area. This area, at present time, receives weak and intermittent FM signal from existing FM stations. It is the petitioners intention to provide a strong signal to this area and serve its listening public.

The petitioners, Rick Mills and Don Ashford, are long standing residents of the Winthrop, Washington Community, and have successfully owned and operated a variety of small businesses there.

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The above proposed allotment which would effectively amend the FM table of Allotments in Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules to read as follows:

#### Channel No.

City

Present

**Proposed** 

Winthrop, Washington

248A

will meet the minimum distance separation and city grade coverage requirements of Section 73.207 and 73.315, Title 47 of the Code of Federal regulations, as evidenced by the technical showing of Lawrence Behr Associates, Inc. attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

III.

Petitioners intend to file an application for Channel 248A if the channel is allotted to Winthrop.

Dated this 28th day of April 1997

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Don Ashford

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR RULE-MAKING TO ALLOT
CHANNEL 248A TO WINTHROP, WASHINGTON

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The instant engineering statement supports the petition for rule-making of Rick Mills and Don Ashford to amend the Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules. It is proposed to allot channel 248A to Winthrop, Washington. This will be the first FM channel to be allotted to Winthrop. The proposed allotment will provide the first local broadcast service to Winthrop.

Annex 1.0 is a map showing the reference coordinates for Winthrop, Washington and the surrounding area of the city. A class A allocation study was made utilizing reference coordinates of 48° 27′ 40"N and 120° 10′ 36"W and one of the channels meeting the mileage separation requirements of Section 73.207 of the FCC Rules was channel 248. Annex 2.0 contains the results of the study showing that the mileage separation requirements are complied with for the allotment of channel 248A to Twin Falls. Operation of a full facility Class A station from the reference coordinates would provide city grade coverage of Winthrop in accordance with Section 73.315 of the Rules.

It is proposed to amend the FM Table of Allotments in Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules to read:

#### Channel No.

City

Present

Proposed

Winthrop, Washington

248A

Under the penalty of perjury it is stated that the information contained herein was prepared by the undersigned or under his direction and is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Riving E. Rohrer, P.E. Consulting Engineer

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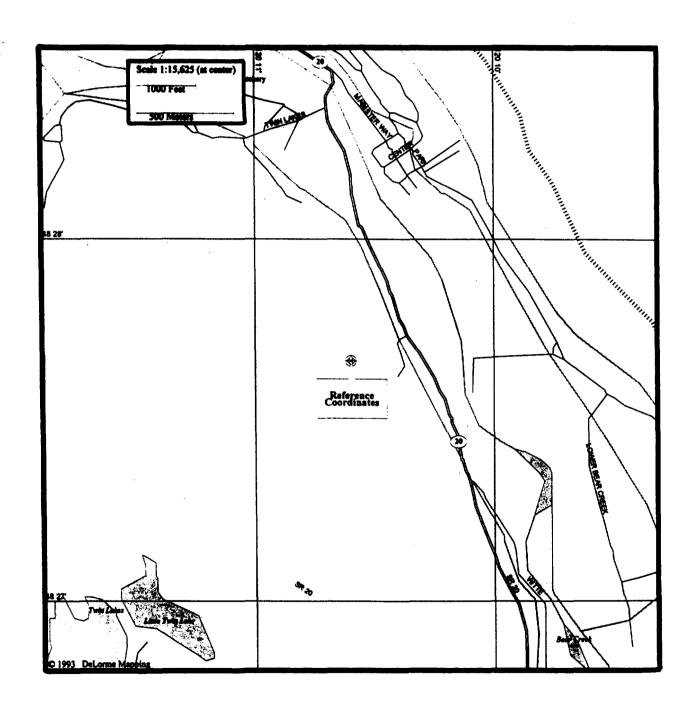
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### ANNEX 1.0

#### SITE AREA MAP

#### RICK MILLS AND DON ASHFORD WINTHROP, WASHINGTON



## ANNEX 2.0

## FM CHANNEL SPACING STUDY

## RICK MILLS AND DON ASHFORD WINTHROP, WASHINGTON

:	
	Associates, Inc. Page 1 North Carolina
FM Spacing study	
Title: MILLS 42957001 Channel 248A ( 97.5 MHz) Database: DW 03/21/97	Latitude: 48-27-40 Longitude: 120-10-36 Safety zone: 20 km
Call Auth Licensee name City of License St FCC File no.	Chan ERP-kW Latitude Br-to Dist. Req. Freq EAH-m Longitude -from (km) (km)
KZTA LIC KYKA, INC. NACHES WA BLH-910506KA	245A 5.80 46-41-40 191.1 200.1 31 96.9 11 120-41-01 10.8 169.1 CLEAR dated 12/20/96; Ant: Phelps Dodge CFM L
CJMG-FM LIC OKANAGAN RADIO LIMITED PENTICTON BC	246B 1.80 49-31-44 18.0 125.1 84 97.1 230 119-38-25 198.4 41.07 CLEAR
ALLOC YALE BC	247A 49-33-40 323.4 153.5 113 97.3 121-26-42 142.4 40.54 CLEAR
KBSG-FM LIC KBSG, INC. TACOMA WA BLH-891018KC Was KBSG 07/26/89	247C 55 47-30-14 232.2 171.3 165 97.3 729BT121-58-29 50.8 6.306 CLOSE
ALLOC TRAIL BC	248A 49-05-26 67.1 186.9 180 97.5 117-49-08 248.8 6.903 CLOSE
LEAVENWORTH WA BPH-930423MF Deletion proposed: CP Granted 02/03/94 CP Granted 02/03/94 per FCC release #2	249A 6 47-35-32 199.9 102.7 72 97.7 -265 120-38-35 19.6 30.69 CLEAR per FCC release #21819 dated 02/09/94; 21819 dated 02/09/94; ORDERED TO CHANNEL 43890-12/17/96); Call Granted 03/25/94 pe
ALLOC GREENWOOD BC	250A 49-05-06 58.0 133.3 62 97.9 118-37-44 239.1 71.26 CLEAR
CIGV21 CP GREAT VALLEYS RADIO, LTD PRINCETON BC	251A .073DA 49-28-10 346.7 115.3 54 98.1 120-32-42 166.4 61.33 CLEAR
¢¢ End of channel 248A study	